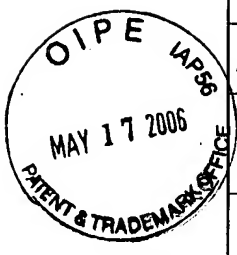


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Applicant(s): Kazuo Okada					
Invention: GAMING MACHINE					
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office Action dated May 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-4 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 5 and 6 are canceled.

Applicant expresses his appreciation for the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-4 being the remaining claims pending in the application. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Also, Applicant expresses his appreciation for the Examiner's telephone call to Applicant's representative on May 1, 2006, proposing cancellation of claims 5 and 6 to place the application in condition for allowance. Unfortunately, Applicant's representative was unable to timely accept the Examiner's proposal without first obtaining the Applicant's approval.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4.